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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 24

1. SUMMARY:

-- ALL MEDIA REPORTED THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND HIS DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 23. OTHER US COVERAGE IS FAIRLY LIGHT AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE.

-- THE ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER LEFT ON JANUARY 23. DOS SANTOS MET WITH PONOMAREV BUT NOT WITH GROMYKO, UNDERLINING SOVIET SEEMING TREATMENT OF HIM AS A PARTY RATHER THAN A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (SEPTTEL).

-- ALL PAPERS REPORT THE LATEST CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON IN HOPEFUL TERMS.

-- PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORT PORTUGAL PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' MEETING WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS AND A PRESS INTERVIEW WITH PARTY LEADER CUNHAL.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TYPICALLY CRITICAL ARTICLE ON PEKING'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT SOVIET TELEVISION CARRIED A FAVORABLE REPORT ON CHOU-EN-LAI. END SUMMARY

2. US - ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS FRONT-PAGE THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THE FINAL ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ON JANUARY 23 AND THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE THAT DAY. THE EVENING TELEVISION NEWS CARRIED A BRIEF AIRPORT INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY BY COMMENTATOR VALENTIN ZORIN. IN OTHER US COVERAGE, IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON OF A PROGRAM TO EXCHANGE YOUNG US AND SOVIET AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS. THE TASS ITEM QUOTES SECRETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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BUTZ' FAVORABLE COMMENT ON THE PROGRAM, WHICH IS DUE TO BEGIN WITH THE VISIT OF AN AMERICAN 4-H DELEGATION TO THE USSR THIS SUMMER. IZVESTIYA ALSO CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE ON ALLEGED POLITICAL PAYOFFS BY THE GULF CORPORATION, IN PARTICULAR THE ACTIVITIES OF ONE CLAUDE WILDE AND HIS DEALINGS WITH THEN VICE-PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. OTHER NEGATIVE ITEMS INCLUDE A TASS ITEM IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTING THAT AMERICANS "CONDEMN" THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA AND FBI, AND SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA RUNS A CARTOON SHOWING THE CIA

BEHIND THE NOISES OF RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY. IN AN OBLIQUE CRITICISM, A PRAVDA COMMENTARY REPORTS ON ALLEGED ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN PANAMA SUPPORTED BY THE "LOCAL OLIGARCHY" PANAMANIAN EMIGREES AND "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE US.

3. LEBANON - ALL MEDIA CARRY VARIED REPORTS ON THE NEW CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON, PAINTING IT IN HOPEFUL TERMS. PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 22-23 WAS THE FIRST WITHOUT SHOOTING FOR WEEKS AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS THE SITUATION AS "RELATIVELY CALM." THE PRAVDA ITEM MENTIONS FAVORABLY THE EFFORTS BY SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ASSAD TO BRING ABOUT THE CURRENT LULL.

4. PORTUGAL - PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORT THAT PRESIDNET COSTA GOMES RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF THE PCP TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR THE PCP'S CONCERN ABOUT THE STRENGTHENING OF "TERRORISTS" AND THEIR EFFECT ON "CIVIL RIGHTS" IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE TWO NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRY EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH PCP LEADER CUNHAL IN THE NEWSPAPER DIARIU DI NOTISIAS, IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT "DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL" WERE "THREATENED" WITH REAL DANGERS. HE PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND SAID THAT THE PCP SUPPORTS THE PROPOSALS FOR DIRECT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT BUT DOES NOT SEE THIS AS TANTAMOUNT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL REGIME, WHICH THE PCP FIRMLY OPPOSES.

5. CHINA - THE EVENING TELEVISION NEWS CARRIED A RELATIVELY FAVORABLE COMMENTARY ON CHOU-EN-LAI DESCRIBING "HIS SOBER INTELLECT AND REALISTIC PERCEPTION" AND ALLEGED HIS DECISION TO HAVE HIS ASHES SCATTERED ACROSS CHINA MEANT THAT "HE DID NOT WANT HIS REMAINS TO LIE UNDER THE MALEVOLENT SHADOW OF THE MAOIST REGIME." THE REGIME ITSELF, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO TAKE TOUGH

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CRITICISM IN A PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON PEKING'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE COMMENTARY CHARGES THAT CHINA SELLS LOW QUALITY GOODS IN ORDER TO GET FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO IMPROVE ITS MILITARY CAPABILITY BY PURCHASES OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY FROM CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

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